

WHAKATANE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT TO SYNOD

Tena ra Koutou Katoa / Greetings All

It has almost been 1 year in my role as the Chaplain of Whakatane DHB and I am very pleased with the friendly welcome I have received as I have settled into this new hospital. The support of staff, the LSP committee and VCA's, Community Ministers has been the best I have experience in the past 10yrs which makes it a real pleasure to be here. As Tauranga & Whakatane DHB's come under the same umbrella there is a supportive link also between both hospitals and the 2 Chaplains there. I meet with them on regular occasions and they cover for me in times of need. I also meet with several of the local ministers once a month when I can and among these are support for the on call duty when I am on weekend leave.

We have an Ecumenical Service every Thursdays in our Chapel, as this worked in the past I have continued with that. The chapel is also a place where I meet people who are seeking comfort & prayers, outsiders, whanau of patients & staff.

On our LSP committee we have Ruth Hamill who sends out letters out into the community with an input from me, which has created a group we call 'Friends of Chaplaincy' who donate throughout the year which is awesome and appreciated.

Of late I have attended the Chaplain's Regional gathering in Tauranga which had excellent speakers on Dementia, Parkinson's, End of Life Care plus an input from Tony Stone the HR Manager for ICHC. Then last week I attended the Anglican Synod gathering in Hastings and again excellent speakers and Bible Studies. It was great to catch up with our Bishop, other colleagues & meet new ones.

All is going well here in Whakatane as I continue my work for the Lord. It is an honour and privilege to be called.



“Kia Maumahara tou Mana Ahua Ake”
“Cherish your Absolute Uniqueness”

Reverend Maureen Martin
Chaplain